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37. (newly-added) The connection fitting of Claim 39
E3 wherein said first tubular fluid conduit comprises a first rigid tubular fluid conduit, said second tubular fluid conduit comprises a second rigid tubular fluid conduit, and said third tubular fluid conduit comprises a third rigid tubular fluid conduit.

REMARKS

In the Examiner's Advisory Action in response to the Applicant's After Final Amendment filed on September 2, 1987 in the parent application the Examiner stated that the addition of "pressure equalizing" in lieu of "venting" in the claims and the addition of the term "rigid" in the specification some how or other raised new issues and/or raised the issue of new matter. Applicant is very confused as he was merely doing as the Examiner requested in his final rejection, see e.g. page 2, paragraph 2, and at the top of page 6. It is respectfully submitted that entry of such Amendment at least now is appropriate and is requested.

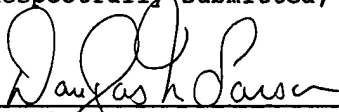
Arguments in support of the patentability of Claims 21, 22, 34, and 37-48 are found in that "After Final Amendment" and are hereby incorporated herein.

Applicant further contends that Claim 27 as amended and new Claims 49-57 are also patentable.

It is also requested that the Examiner make the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 10, 1987 formally of record with his initial Office Action.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such is requested at an early date.

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